

memorandum

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to Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority

from Bruce Mackey, ESA Adolfson and Pam Bissonnette, FCS Group

subject Open Discussion

Members of the Flood Authority have requested to have an open discussion at the December 16th meeting in which they can raise their issues about the work the Flood Authority is doing.

We believe that having an open and honest discussion about all issues is an important step in forming a multi-jurisdictional flood entity. To start the conversation we are asking each Flood Authority jurisdiction to come to the meeting prepared to answer this question:

“What issues does your jurisdiction need to have addressed in order to participate in a multi-jurisdictional flood entity?”

We will come to the meeting with flip charts and ask each Flood Authority member to express their jurisdiction's needs or issues. We will record the responses and have them posted at the front of the room.

After each Flood Authority member has expressed their issues, we will facilitate a general discussion.

At the November Flood Authority, FCS Group distributed a summary of comments from the public meetings held in October. If there is time after the general discussion, we will review the summary of public comments to see if those issues were addressed during the discussion.

Next, Pam will hand out an outline of the major topics that will need to be covered in an interlocal agreement to form a multi-jurisdictional flood entity. She will highlight four areas that will be critical to success, most of which have already been introduced in the past six months at the Flood Authority meetings. The Flood Authority members will have the opportunity to express their desired outcomes in each of the four areas.

We hope to get through all these steps at the December meeting, but we will not rush the discussion.

After this Flood Authority meeting, Pam and Bruce will schedule individual conversations with as many of the Flood Authority members as possible before the January meeting to better understand the issues brought forward. A calendar of available times will be provided for Flood Authority members to consider. Based upon those conversations, Pam and Bruce will come to the January meeting with some proposed language alternatives and recommendations for your consideration.

In January, we will facilitate a discussion on how to continue negotiating the interlocal agreement.